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Payment of travelling allowance to teachers engaged in election work.

*256 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many aided elementary school teachers remain to be paid their travelling allowances in connexion with the election duties they discharged in the last General Elections; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Government have no information on the point; but it has been called for and will be furnished to the hon. Member on receipt."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO:—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that teachers and others who collected the Census statistics in 1950 have also not been paid the promised remuneration?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, I am afraid, this has no relation to the subject of elections. The hon. Gentleman is putting a question about the Census."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR:—" May I know, Sir, since such a long time has elapsed after the elections, when will the Government come to know at least that these people have not been paid their travelling allowance?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, the question is about the exact number of aided elementary school teachers who have yet to be paid their travelling allowance. I am not able to give the exact number but we know that certain teachers have not been paid. This delay was due to certain technical difficulties which have now been overcome, and the travelling allowance will be paid very soon."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in the preparation of these bills, a mistake had been committed by the Collectorate with the result the aided elementary school teachers are penalized by not getting paid?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, whoever might have been responsible, there were some mistakes which have been rectified. The teachers will be paid very soon."

SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the district board teachers of South Kanara have not yet been paid their travelling allowance?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" As I have already stated, every step is being taken to see that these teachers are paid as soon as possible."